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1. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL REGARDING THE
LAWS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA:

A. GENERAL STATUTES ONLY UNDER PENAL LAW COVERING BRIBERY,
EXTORTION, DEFRAUDING AND CHEATING, OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRE-
TENSES, AND FRAUDULENT CLAIMS:

B. NO

C. NO

D. NO

E. NO

F. NO, EXCEPT THOSE THAT MIGHT BE COVERED UNDER GENERAL
STATUTES NOTED ABOVE (SUBPARA A).

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2. RELEVANT LAWS CITED ABOVE ARE IN TITLE 27, "PENAL LAW" CONTAINED IN LIBERIAN CODE OF LAWS" VOLUME III.

3. CHAPTER 5 (OF THAT CODE) COVERS "CRIMES AFFECTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT" UNDER WHICH IS:

"ARTICLE 116. BRIBERY"--COVERS THE OFFER, SOLICITATION AND/OR ACCEPTANCE OF "ANYTHING OF VALUE, OR ANY ADVANTAGE" TO/ FROM A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO INFLUENCE THAT OFFICIAL.

4. CHAPTER 11 COVERS "CRIMES AFFECTING PROPERTY" UNDER WHICH ARE:
"ARTICLE 296. EXTORTION-"ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO UNLAWFULLY, UNDER COVER OF HIS OFFICE" TAKES ANYTHING OF VALUE NOT DUE HIM.
"ARTICLE 302, OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSE" (AS ACCORDING TO A LEGAL OPINION, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO PROSECUTE UNDER THIS STATUTE, BUT THERE IS NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ACTIONS OF TYPE CONTAINED REFTEL). CARTER

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